

# ***EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER***

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### **Announcements**

The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is pleased to welcome **Edward A. Flynn** who was appointed Secretary of Public Safety by Governor Mitt Romney in January 2003. Secretary Flynn is responsible for the management and administration of 21 agencies, boards, and commissions including the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Correction, the National Guard, the Department of Fire Services, the Criminal History Systems Board, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The Executive Office of Public Safety has a budget totaling over \$1 billion, and employs more than 10,000 people.

Secretary Flynn comes to this position with over 32 years of law enforcement experience. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of Public Safety, he served for five years as the Chief of Police in Arlington County, Virginia. In his capacity as Chief, Secretary Flynn was instrumental in the recovery effort at the Pentagon after the September 11 terrorist attack, and this past fall, he participated in the sniper shootings investigation in the Washington DC area.

Prior to his appointment in Virginia, Secretary Flynn served as Chief of Police in both the Chelsea (1993-1997) and Braintree (1988-1993) police departments. He began his law enforcement career in 1971 with the Hillside Township Police Department in New Jersey (1971-1973), before serving with the Jersey City Police Department for 15 years (1973-1988).

**Quarterly Report Reminder!** Please be advised, quarterly reports for many EOPS Programs Division-funded programs were due on **January 15, 2003**. Please contact your program grant monitor if you have any questions.

**"Achieving Outcomes through the National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute"** The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) will air a videoconference on January 30, 2003, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM ET. CADCA seeks to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to create safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. Through the recently formed National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute, CADCA provides education, training, and technical assistance to local coalitions. The Institute also develops and disseminates tools to help coalitions evaluate their performance. The videoconference will provide an overview of CADCA's mission and describe the Institute's role and responsibilities.

The broadcast is designed for community anti-drug coalition leaders and volunteers; prevention specialists; Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees; Weed & Seed coordinators; Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinators; professionals from the law enforcement, drug court, education, and treatment communities; and others interested in learning about how CADCA and the Institute support grassroots anti-drug activities.

For further information about this videoconference please go to [http://www.dlnets.com/cadca\\_30Jan03.htm](http://www.dlnets.com/cadca_30Jan03.htm)

**SAVE THE DATE! VICTIM RIGHTS CONFERENCE 2003** The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) will host the 2003 Massachusetts Victim Rights Conference on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. For further details about the conference location, please go to [www.rplazahotels.com/index.cfm](http://www.rplazahotels.com/index.cfm).

This free day-long conference brings together crime victims, victim service providers and criminal justice personnel for a day of learning, networking and inspiration. This year's conference will include workshops, awards, exhibits and a keynote speaker. Nationally, Crime Victim Rights Week will be celebrated during the week of April 6, 2003. The theme of this year's celebration is Victim Rights: Fulfill the Promise.

Further details on the 2003 Victim Rights Conference, such as speaker information, nomination forms and registration materials will soon be available at [www.mass.gov/mova](http://www.mass.gov/mova) or please call 617-727-5200 for additional information.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **From the Federal Government**

#### **“Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program”**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/arrest03/arrest03.txt>

The Arrest Program challenges victim advocates, police officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, and community leaders to work together to craft solutions to overcome the problem of domestic violence. The Arrest Program will support projects that: Implement mandatory arrest or pro-arrest programs and policies in police departments, including mandatory arrest programs or pro-arrest programs and policies for protection order violations; develop policies, educational programs, and training in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving domestic violence and dating violence. For a complete list of supported projects, please refer to the website.

**Registration Deadline:** January 10, 2003

**Application Deadline:** January 24, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Eligible applicants include states, Indian tribal governments, state and local courts including juvenile courts, tribal courts, and units of local government.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$500,000 for individual units of local government, tribal governments, and State or local courts; and \$750,000 for State-wide, regional (involving 10 or more counties), or tribal consortia projects.

**Grant Period:** 24 months

#### **“Young Offender Reentry Program Grants”** <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment announces the availability of grant funds to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related reentry services in agencies currently providing supervision of and services to sentenced juvenile and young adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses.

**Application Deadline:** January 17, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** State and local governments; courts; community-based organizations; and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$300,000-\$400,000

**Number of Awards Made:** 12-14

**Grant Period:** 4 years

#### **“Solicitation for Research on Sexual Violence”** <http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/nij/sl000582.txt>

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research on sexual violence against women age 12 and older by strangers and non-strangers.

**Letter of Intent:** January 17, 2003

**Application Deadline:** February 21, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Researchers from all disciplines are eligible to apply; this solicitation is for research and evaluation only; requests for funds for program support or development will not be considered.

**Maximum Award Amount:** total of \$1 million

**Number of Awards Made:** up to 4

#### **“Community Collaborations to Prevent Youth Violence and Promote Youth Development”**

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

SAMHSA's Community Collaborations to Prevent Youth Violence and Promote Youth Development program supports collaborations of community organizations and constituencies to foster the prevention of youth violence, substance abuse, delinquency, suicide, or other mental health and behavior problems through a public health approach. Approximately \$4 million will be available to award grants in the following categories:

**Group I:** Approximately 8 awards will be made to organizations proposing youth violence prevention projects targeting geographically or socially defined youth populations;

**Group II:** Approximately 8 awards will be made to support grants that address violence towards, or by, females; and

**Group III:** Approximately 8 awards will be made to support mental health services for youth with justice system involvement.

**Application Deadline:** January 22, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Public or private mental health systems, institutions, and agencies; State or local departments of juvenile/criminal justice; mental health courts; juvenile/criminal court systems; district attorney's offices; or public defender's offices; Public or private educational systems, institutions, and agencies; Tribal governments and tribal organizations; Community-based and faith-based organizations, or Other public agencies or nonprofit organizations that can perform the requirements of this program.

**Maximum Award Amount:** Groups I and II will be funded at a maximum of \$150,000 per year for 2 years; and Group III will be funded at a maximum of \$200,000 per year for 2 years.

**"Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program"**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/safehavens03/safehavens03.pdf>

The Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Exchange Grant Program (Supervised Visitation Program) provides an opportunity for communities to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Implementation grants may be awarded to assist applicants with the initial implementation of a supervised visitation center or to enhance and improve the services of an existing center. Planning grants may be awarded to assist applicants with the planning and development of a supervised visitation project. Please see website for specifics.

**Registration Deadline:** January 29, 2002

**Application Deadline:** February 12, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Eligible applicants include states, Indian tribal governments, and units of local government.

**Maximum Award Amount:** Planning Projects **\$120,000**; Implementation Projects **\$350,000**; Applicants for multi-jurisdictional state implementation projects may apply for up to **\$750,000**.

**Grant Period:** 3 years

**"Solicitation for Research on Terrorism"** <http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/nij/sl000596.txt>

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting for applications for research to evaluate the current state of knowledge on terrorism and counter-terrorism strategies and identify short-term research priorities. Research Area One targets research to advance our knowledge and understanding of two global crime phenomena that transcend national borders and threaten United States interests: transnational organized crime and international terrorism. Research Area Two targets research on the most pressing issues related to terrorism and terrorist events that affect the criminal justice system at the local, State, and Federal levels.

**Application Deadline:** February 14, 2003

**Number of Awards Made:** 1 or more in research area one. Multiple awards in area two.

**"Drug-Free Communities Support Program"** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcsgrant/dfcs2003fr.txt>

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), are requesting applications for the fiscal year 2003 Drug-Free Communities Support Program to reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults.

**Application Deadline:** March 11, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Community coalitions that are working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth are eligible to apply.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$100,000

**Number of Awards Made:** 150

**"Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand"**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/hopeappkit/sl000572.pdf>

The OVC is soliciting for applications for funding to provide resources to grassroots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Funds may be used to support the following activities: 1) develop, print, and publish a newsletter and/or program materials, 2) train advocates and volunteers, 3) purchase training materials, 4) support victim outreach efforts, and 5) recruit volunteers. Additional costs may include: computer equipment, office supplies, local travel expenses for advocates and volunteers, telephone service, and membership to crime victim organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Open solicitation contingent upon funding availability

**Eligibility Requirements:** Nonprofit grassroots community-based victim service programs that do not receive federal VOCA victim assistance grant funding.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Grant Period:** 12 months

**“Tobacco Prevention Grants”** [http://www.americanlegacy.org/content/PDF/sig\\_guide.pdf](http://www.americanlegacy.org/content/PDF/sig_guide.pdf)

The American Legacy Foundation (“Legacy”) supports unsolicited grants under the Small Innovative Grants Program which propose to help reduce tobacco usage in the United States. The topic areas of greatest interest currently include 1) Tobacco prevention, cessation and education for 18-24 year olds, especially those not in higher education settings; 2) Second-hand smoke education and policy; and 3) Projects targeting rural settings.

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Eligibility Requirements:** State and local governments may apply.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$100,000. Grantees may apply for a second year of funding for up to 50% of the amount awarded in the first year.

**Grant Period:** 1-2 years

### **From Private Organizations**

**“YouthActionNet Award”** <http://www.youthactionnet.org/minigrants.php>

YouthActionNet is awarding small grants to youth leaders and their emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. These youth-led projects have clearly defined goals and have potential for growth or further replication. Award recipients will also have the opportunity to take part in an online journal and contribute to a booklet of case studies highlighting the work of young people bringing positive change to their communities around the world.

**Application Deadline:** First selection: April 18, 2003

**Second selection:** Deadline: October 1, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Open to all young people aged 18 – 24; individuals and groups may apply; applicants must have a leadership role in a youth-led initiative that works to create positive change in their community.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$500

**Number of Awards Made:** 10 winners in first selection; 10 winners in second selection.

**Grant Period:** 1 year

### **Research and Statistics**

**“Voices of Survival: The Economic Impacts of Domestic Violence – A Blueprint for Action”** The Economic Stability Working Group of the Transition Subcommittee of the Governor’s Commission on Domestic Violence conducted a series of hearings across **Massachusetts** in June 2001 to learn about the economic impacts of domestic abuse. Sixty percent of those testifying cited job loss, including being suspended and fired, as a direct or indirect result of domestic violence. Further, while battered women’s programs sheltered 2,270 women and children last year, 7,802 victims who called hotlines for help were not housed due to lack of shelter space.

[http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/voices\\_of\\_survival.pdf](http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/voices_of_survival.pdf)

**“A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in America’s Cities 2002”** Requests for emergency food assistance increased an average of 19% over the past year, according to a 25-city survey released in December 2002 by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Additionally, requests for emergency shelter assistance grew an average of 19% in the 18 cities that reported an increase, the steepest rise in a decade. In **Boston**, the average length of time people remained homeless is 10 months and requests for emergency food assistance increased by 24%. The main causes of hunger in Boston are attributed to high housing costs and the economic downturn or weakening of the economy. Currently, there are 106 food pantries in Boston, a 34% increase from the 79 food pantries of 5 years ago.

<http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/hungersurvey/2002/onlineReport/HungerAndHomelessReport2002.pdf>

**“Maine Drug-Related Mortality Patterns: 1997-2002”** The rate and number of drug deaths increased 164%, rising from 34 in 1997 to 90 in 2001. Prescription drugs caused 63% of accidental deaths and 94% of suicidal deaths. In 53% of all drug deaths, narcotics are mentioned as a cause of death. Prescription narcotics, including methadone, comprise 65% of the narcotic deaths, while heroin represents 37%. <http://www.state.me.us/ag/pr/drugreport.pdf>

**“Juvenile Arrests 2000”** According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), juveniles accounted for 17% of all arrests and 16% of all violent crime arrests in 2000. Juveniles were involved in 9% of murder arrests, 14% of aggravated assault arrests, 33% of burglary arrests, 25% of robbery arrests, and 24% of weapons arrests in 2000. Between 1990 and 2000, the juvenile proportion of all arrests for drug abuse violations increased from 8% to 13%. Juvenile arrest rates for burglary declined 63% between 1980 and 2000. Between 1996 and 2000, juvenile arrests for murder fell 55%. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/191729.pdf>

**“Local Police Departments 2000”** This report presents data collected from a nationwide representative sample of the nearly 13,000 general-purpose local police departments. In 2000, nearly all local police 9-1-1 systems in jurisdictions with 10,000 or more residents were enhanced, capable of displaying information such as the caller's phone number, address, and special needs. Sixty-eight percent of local police departments, employing 90% of all officers, had a community policing plan of some type. Racial and ethnic minorities comprised 23% of full-time sworn personnel in 2000, up from 17% in 1990. Females comprised 11% of officers, up from 8% in 1990. From 1990 to 2000, the number of African American local police officers increased by 35%; Hispanic officers by 93%; and female officers 59%. About 9 in 10 departments, employing 97% of officers, had a special policy regarding arrest for domestic assaults. Seventy-two percent had a mandatory arrest policy, and 17% had a pro-arrest policy. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/lpd00.pdf>

**“Sheriffs' Offices 2000”** This report presents data collected from a nationwide representative sample of the more than 3,000 sheriffs' offices. Fifty-five percent of sheriffs' offices, employing 74% of sworn personnel, had a community policing plan of some type. Racial and ethnic minorities comprised 17% of full-time sworn personnel in 2000, up from 15.5% in 1990. Females comprised 12.5% of officers in 2000, down from 15.4% in 1990. From 1990 to 2000, the number of African American officers increased by 12% and Hispanic officers by 51%. About 8 in 10 sheriffs' offices regularly met with community groups during 2000. About a third of those serving 100,000 or more residents conducted a citizen academy. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/so00.pdf>

**“Education and Correctional Populations”** An estimated 40% of State prison inmates, 27% of Federal inmates, 47% of inmates in local jails, and 31% of those serving probation sentences had not completed high school or its equivalent when they began serving their sentence. About 26% of State prison inmates said they had completed the GED while serving time in a correctional facility. The groups of State prison inmates who have neither a high school diploma or GED include: 40% of males and 42% of females; 27% of whites, 44% of blacks, and 53% of Hispanics; 47% of drug offenders; and 52% of inmates 24 or younger and 35% of inmates 45 or older. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ecp.pdf>

**“Tobacco Use Among Middle and High School Students --- New Hampshire, 1995—2001”** A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study looked at smoking among New Hampshire middle-school students. In 2000, 12% of these adolescents smoked. In 2001, cigarette companies raised the wholesale price of cigarettes by 14 cents a pack, increasing the cost from \$1.77 per pack to \$3.53. Subsequently, the CDC study found the smoking rate among the students dropped to 6.3%. In addition, the number of high-school students in New Hampshire who smoke dropped from 36% in 1995 to 25% in 2001. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5201a3.htm>

**“State Court Prosecutors in Small Districts, 2001”** In 2001 across the Nation an estimated 9 in 10 prosecutors' offices served a district with a population of less than 250,000. Nine out of ten full-time prosecutors' offices serving districts with a population under 250,000 handled domestic violence and child abuse cases. About 5% of the offices serving districts with a population under 250,000 reported a specialized unit for handling juvenile cases in criminal court, and 41% reported designated attorneys. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/scpsd01.pdf>

## **Resources**



**“Restitution: Making It Work”** This report provides an overview of state legislation and current issues related to the collection of court-ordered restitution to crime victims.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin5/welcome.html>

**“Ordering Restitution to the Crime Victim”** This report provides an overview of state laws addressing the rights of victims to receive court-ordered restitution from offenders in criminal cases.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin6/welcome.html>

**“Victim Input Into Plea Agreements”** This report provides an overview of state laws addressing the rights of victims to be involved during plea negotiations in criminal cases.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin7/welcome.html>

**“Privacy of Victims’ Counseling Communications”** This report provides an overview of state laws and current issues related to the privacy of communications between victims and their counselors.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin8/welcome.html>

**“Rohypnol Fact Sheet”** Rohypnol is the trade name for the drug flunitrazepam, a benzodiazepine (central nervous system depressant) like Valium, yet 10 times more potent. Much of the concern surrounding Rohypnol is its abuse as a “date rape” drug.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/factsht/rohypnol/rohypnol.pdf>

**“Strategies for Court Collaboration With Service Communities”** Courts are experimenting with a variety of innovative programs that focus on closer collaboration with the service communities in their jurisdictions. These programs vary considerably from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and by different types of cases within a jurisdiction, but they all stress a collaborative, multidisciplinary, problem-solving approach to address the underlying issues of individuals appearing in court. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/196945.pdf>

**“Helpful or Harmful? How Innovative Communication Technology Affects Survivors of Intimate Violence”** This article explores the prevalence of web usage by both survivors of intimate violence and the organizations that serve them, the ways in which batterers misuse communication technology to monitor and control their partners activities, and precautions that survivors and organizations can employ to safeguard themselves from liability, harm, and ethical conundrums.

<http://www.vaw.umn.edu/FinalDocuments/5survivortech.asp>

**“Assaults in and Around Bars”** This guide outlines the link between alcohol and violence according to physiological, social, and situational effects. It is intended to assist law enforcement in preventing and improving the overall response to assaults in and around bars. It begins by reviewing factors that increase the risks of assaults and then poses a series of questions to help local law enforcement analyze the problem. Finally, the guide reviews responses to the problem and what is known about it from evaluative research and police practice. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/e05021561.pdf>

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